

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**1. A disc cartridge comprising:**

a disc; and

a main cartridge body unit adapted for rotatably housing said disc therein and provided in at least one surface thereof with a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing a part of said disc across inner and outer rims thereof; wherein

an opening for a driving unit, into which is intruded at least a part of rotational driving means, configured for rotationally driving said disc, is formed in one surface of said main cartridge body unit; the inner peripheral surface of said opening for the driving unit operating as a mounting reference plane in a planar direction for mounting the disc cartridge on a recording and/or reproducing apparatus; the peripheral edge of said opening for the driving unit in said one surface operating as a mounting reference plane in the height-wise direction for mounting the disc cartridge on the recording and/or reproducing apparatus.

2. The disc cartridge according to claim 1 wherein a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit is formed as a substantially semicircular arcuate section having the center of said disc housed in said main cartridge body unit as center.

3. The disc cartridge according to claim 2 wherein said arcuate section is formed on a side of insertion of said main cartridge body unit into the recording and/or reproducing apparatus.

4. The disc cartridge according to claim 1 wherein said recording and/or reproducing aperture is formed facing a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit other than the lateral side formed as said arcuate section.

5. The disc cartridge according to claim 1 further comprising:

a shutter unit for opening/ closing said recording and/or reproducing aperture; and

a slide guide formed on said main cartridge body unit for movably carrying said shutter unit;

said slide guide being provided such that, when said inner peripheral surface is set on said recording and/or reproducing apparatus, said mounting reference plane in said height-wise direction is protruded from said slide guide towards said rotational driving means.

6. A disc recording and/or reproducing apparatus comprising:

a cartridge holder on which is loaded a disc cartridge including a main cartridge body unit, said main cartridge body unit having rotatably housed a disc, said main cartridge body unit being provided in at least one surface thereof with a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing a part of said optical disc across inner and outer rims, there being formed in one surface of said main cartridge body unit an opening, into which is intruded at least a part of rotational driving means configured for rotationally driving said disc; the inner peripheral surface of said opening operating as a mounting reference plane in a planar direction for mounting

the disc cartridge on a recording and/or reproducing apparatus; the peripheral edge of said opening in said one surface operating as a mounting reference plane in the height-wise direction;

a cartridge support part having a fitting protrusion fitted in said opening for a driving unit of said disc cartridge, said cartridge support part carrying the peripheral edge of said opening for the driving unit of said disc cartridge; and

a loading support part for positioning said disc cartridge in the horizontal direction and in the height-wise direction.

7. The disc recording and/or reproducing apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said loading support part is formed for surrounding the outer rim of rotation driving means adapted for rotationally driving said disc.